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SUBJECT:US-SOVIET CONFERENCE OF WRITERS, CRITICS AND
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1. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMALLY CONSULTED WITH PEN CLUB AND
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS WHICH BOTH EXPRESSED
HIGH INTEREST IN PROPOSED CONFERENCE. A MEETING WITH
THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SET FOR
SEPTEMBER 10 IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SELECTION OF US DEL
AND PROSPECTIVE DATES FOR US DEL VISIT. ALSO INVITED TO
ATTEND WILL BE THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND LETTERS
(FYI WHOSE CURRENT CHAIRMAN IS HARRISON SALISBURY).

2. OUR INFORMAL CONTACTS HAVE DISCLOSED STRONG OPPOSITION,
IN PRINCIPLE, TO HAVING SOVIETS SELECT US DEL CHAIRMAN.
US DEL WILL DEFINITELY WISH TO DESIGNATE ITS OWN CHAIR-
MAN. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT JOURNAL OF FOREIGN
LITERATURE FORWARD ITS PROPOSAL THROUGH EMBASSY AND
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DEPARTMENT AND NOT ATTEMPT TO NAME US CHAIRMAN.

3. AS EXPECTED, PARTICIPANTS IN SEPTEMBER 10 MEETING
INTEND TO RAISE SOME CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES CITED PARA 2

REFTEL C. DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE SOVIETS WOULD STILL
ACCEPT US DEL IF THEY KNEW THESE ISSUES WERE GOING TO BE
RAISED? PLEASE ADVISE HOW US DEL MIGHT BEST RAISE THESE
ISSUES IF THEY SO DESIRE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY
ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON OBJECTIVES, FORMAT, AGENDA, ETC.
OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE. SISCO

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